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SUBJECT: SOAMES' REPLY TO SECRETARY'S MESSAGE ON EGYPT

1. SOAMES' OFFICE DELIVERED TO MISSION ON SEPTEMBER 23
WRITTEN REPLY TO SECRETARY'S SEPTEMBER 1 LETTER TO SOAMES
ON FOOD AID FOR EGYPT. TEXT FOLLOWS (SIGNED ORIGINAL BEING
POUCHED):
BEGIN TEXT

DEAR HENRY,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR LETTER OF 1 SEPTEMBER IN WHICH YOU
ASK THE COMMISSION TO CONSIDER WHETHER WE COULD FIND WAYS
TO HELP EGYPT IN THE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES WHICH IT FACES
AND WHICH ARE ALSO A CAUSE OF PREOCCUPATION TO US.

I HAVE NOW HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THIS WITH MY COLLEAGUES
IN THE COMMISSION WHO HAD ALREADY BEEN CONSIDERING THE
POSSIBILITY OF INCREASING OUR FOOD AID EFFORT TO EGYPT IN
THE LIGHT OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF THAT COUNTRY AMONG THE
MOST SERIOUSLY Affected COUNTRIES, AND ALSO OF THE LIKELI-
HOOD THAT THE HARVESTS IN A NUMBER OF ASIAN COUNTRIES WILL
BE SUFFICIENTLY GOOD TO JUSTIFY A SMALLER FOOD AID CONTRI-
BUTION FROM THE COMMUNITY TO THOSE THAN HAD
BEEN FORESEEN.

THE COMMISSION THEREFORE INTENDS TO PROPOSE TO THE
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COUNCIL BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE

IN THE FOOD AID WHICH WE CURRENTLY PLAN TO GIVE TO EGYPT.
I AM AFRAID I CANNOT PUT PRECISE FIGURES ON THE SIZE OF
THE INCREASE AT THIS STAGE SINCE THIS DEPENDS TO SOME
EXTENT ON THE REDUCTIONS IN THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
ASIAN BENEFICIARIES OF OUR FOOD AID PROGRAMME, WHICH
CANNOT YET BE CALCULATED WITH PRECISION.

YOURS EVER
CHRISTOPHER

END TEXT. HINTON

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